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TO: PATRICK OGAWA
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Attention: Agenda Preparation

FROM: JENNIFER A.D. LEHMAN *JADL*
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RE: **Lisa Ostegren, et al. v. Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, et al.**
United States District Court Case No. 2:14-CV-09453

Attached is the Agenda entry for the Los Angeles County Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board's recommendation in the above-referenced matter. Also attached is the Case Summary for the case.

It is requested that this recommendation and the Case Summary be placed on the Board of Supervisors' agenda of August 4, 2015.

JADL

Attachments

Board Agenda

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles County Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled Lisa Ostegren, et al. v. Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, et al. United States District Court Case No. 2:14-CV-09453 in the amount of \$5,000,000, and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department Contract Cities Trust Fund's budget.

This lawsuit concerns allegations of wrongful death and excessive force by Sheriff's Deputies.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Lisa Ostegren, et al. vs. Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:14-CV-09453
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	December 10, 2014
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department Contract Cities Trust Fund – West Hollywood
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 5,000,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Michael Avenatti, Esq. EAGAN AVENATTI, LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Millicent L. Rolon Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$5,000,000, the lawsuit filed by Lisa Ostegren alleging wrongful death, excessive force, and federal civil rights violations.</p> <p>The involved Deputies claim their actions were reasonable under the circumstances.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. Therefore, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$5,000,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 59,261
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 4,119